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CASE PL/2-22807/A/PCT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE PCT NATIONAL STAGE APPLICATION OF  
PAOLO BALLIELLO  
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/EP 03/50874  
FILED: NOVEMBER 24, 2003  
FOR: DUST-FREE PIGMENT COMPOSITIONS  
OBTAINABLE BY SPRAY-DRYING  
U.S. APPLICATION NO:  
35 USC 371 DATE:

Group Art Unit:

Examiner:

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the present Preliminary Amendment to place the instant claims in better condition for examination on their merits.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.